

App. No. 07/332,222  
Amdt. dated August 12, 2004  
Reply to Office action of June 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 24-31 are now in the application. Claims 1-23 have been canceled. Claims 24-31 have been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested on the basis of the new claims.

No new matter has been added by the amendment. Claims 24-31 find support in the specification, for example, in the description from page 5, line 15, to page 6, line 11; page 8, lines 1-4; page 12, line 10, to page 14, line 16; and in Figs. 1 and 2.

Turning now to the prior art, we find that the claims are clearly distinguished over the reference Lambropoulos (U.S. Patent No. 5,844,517). The reference describes a TDMA system. In contrast with the prior art teaching, the new claims 24-31 recite systems and methods that rely upon frequency division techniques. Therefore, Lambropoulos is no longer believed to be relevant and detailed comments are not necessary.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 24-31 are solicited.

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If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out. In the alternative, the entry of the amendment is requested as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search.

Respectfully submitted,



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